

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 10-14 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Support for the added claims may be found in the specification, for example, on page 8, line 26 through page 10, line 7. No new matter is added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative at the personal interview held on February 23, 2005. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action objects to the drawings because reference characters 10 and 12 have both been used to designate the same item in Figure 1. By this Amendment, Figure 1 is amended so that reference numeral 10 refers to the data transmission reception system, which includes the document data transmission device 12 and the user terminal 14 connected to the document data transmission device 12 over a network 100.

The Office Action further objects to both Figures 2A and 2B for including the item "A" whereas the specification does not mention item "A." By this Amendment, Figures 2A and 2B are amended to remove item "A." Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects to claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,191,611 to Lang. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Lang discloses each and every feature recited in independent claims 1, 6 and 9. Applicants respectfully disagree.

As discussed during the personal interview, Applicants respectfully submit that Lang does not disclose "receiving a page data transmission request transmitted from a user terminal, requesting to transmit specific page data contained in specific document data" or

"transmitting the specific page data contained in the specific document data to the user terminal," as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 6 and 9.

Lang discloses a method and apparatus for granting privileges for securing and selectively retrieving information. An information storage device is divided into a set of logical zones. Users, based on their need to know, are accorded access privileges that correspond to previously designated logical zones. To grant each user information retrieval privileges, a determination is made as to which logical zones each particular user should be allowed access. See col. 2, line 65 through col. 3, line 2.

Nowhere in Lang is a page data transmission request transmitted from a user terminal, requesting to transmit specific page data contained in specific document data. The Office Action identifies col. 11, lines 13-16 as corresponding to this element. However, col. 11, lines 13-16 disclose only "the summary list each message/document by identifying a number and indicates information such as who it is from, the time it was received, and how many pages." Nowhere in this passage is a request made to transmit specific page data contained in a specific document and specific document data. This passage only discloses that a document has an identifying number and that the list of documents indicates how many pages the document contains.

Similarly, the Office Action asserts that the page data transmitting means for transmitting the specific page data is disclosed in col. 11, lines 16-20, as well as Figures 7, 8 in col. 11, lines 26-29. However, this portion of Lang discloses only that "the recipient can then have all the messages/documents printed out or can selectively pick out only which ones he wants at that time to have outputted by listing the appropriate identification numbers." This portion of Lang discloses only that a recipient can print out any selection of documents in the list by indicating the identification number corresponding to the selected documents.

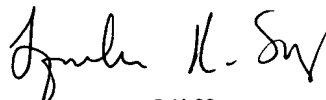
There is no disclosure in this portion of "page data transmitting means for transmitting the specific page data contained in the specific document data to the user terminal."

According to MPEP §2131, a claim may be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. As agreed to during the personal interview, Lang does not disclose expressly or inherently each and every feature recited in independent claims 1, 6 and 9. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, and claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6. Therefore, claims 2-5 and 7-8 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 6, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request therefore that the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachment:

Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1, 2A and 2B)

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 1, 2A and 2B and replace the original sheets with Figs. 1, 2A and 2B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets